

# 25 students per class plan

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## Ministry to find ways to limit number

**SEPANG:** The Education Ministry aims to have classes with about 25 students, Deputy Education Minister Datuk Noh Omar said.

"We are studying ways to limit to 25 students per class," he said in response to a call by participants at the national Parents and Teachers Association for classes to have no more than 35 students.

He added that the ministry would increase the teacher-class ratio from the present 1.5 to 1.7.

Speaking to reporters after closing the seminar on improving students' discipline here yesterday, Noh said counselling

and discipline teachers should tackle discipline problems together.

About 300 people, including headmasters, association representatives and counselling teachers, attended the four-day seminar, which began on Wednesday.

Participants also urged the ministry to improve the counselling teacher-student ratio from 1:500 to 1:300.

Noh also said that the ministry was looking at having high-rise school buildings because of the limited space in the urban areas.

On the case of students Mohd Fikri Roslin and Mohd

Khalifah Ramli, both 16, who were admitted to hospital after eating fried rice that was suspected to be laced with rat poison given to them by a schoolmate last Thursday, he said he could not say anything as it was a police case.

Noh, who is in charge of discipline and policy enforcement in the ministry, said: "We will let the police carry out the investigation. We don't want to interfere with their work."

Meanwhile, Port Dickson OCPD Supt Mazlan Othman said a Form Four student had been remanded until Monday to assist in investigations.